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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 5899

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MAA, TH, CB,

SUBJECT: RICE AIRLIFT TO KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG

REF: ( A ) STATE 113965

( B ) JCS 8158/211728 Z APR 73

1. ON THE BASIS OF REFS A AND B, WE ASSUME USAF PREPARED  
CONTINUE AIRDROPS TO SVAY RIENG AND KOMPONG THOM UNTIL JULY 1  
WITH SUBSEQUENT REIMBURSEMENT TO BE MADE BY AID/ W. REQUEST  
CONFIRMATION.

2. REQUEST CINCPAC PROVIDE BEST ESTIMATE OF AIRDROP COSTS TO  
KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG FROM JUNE LE THROUGH JULY 1 SO THAT  
APPROPRIATE FINANCING REQUEST CAN BE PREPARED FOR AID/ W.

3. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS SECOND PHASE OF AIRLIFT WITH GKR IN THE  
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NEXT FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, IN THE MEANWHILE THE NUMBER OF CARRIERS WILLING OR ABLE TO HANDLE AIRLIFT FOR GKR APPEARS TO BE NARROWING. AIR AMERICA REPRESENTATIVE HAS INDICATED TO US THAT COMPANY CAN CONTRACT ONLY WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AID/ W CONFIRMING WITH AIR AMERICA THAT COMPANY IS UNABLE CONTRACT WITH GKR.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3, REF A, DAO PHNOM PENH ADVISES DC-3, CARIBOU, C-123, AND C-4 6 ARE SUITABLE AIRCRAFT FOR LANDING AT BOTH KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG AIRFIELDS. DC-6 A/ B AND DC-4 COULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, LAND AT KOMPONG THOM BUT MIGHT BE ABLE LAND AT SVAY RIENG RUNWAY. POSSIBILITY OF DC-4 AND DC-6 LANDING AT SVAY RIENG WILL BE EXPLORED FURTHER, HOWEVER, SUGGEST ICELANDIC AIRLINE NOT BE CONTACTED UNIL WE CAN DISCUSS POSSIBILITY WITH GKR.

5. IN EVENT AIR AMERICA IS RULED OUT, WE SEE THREE POSSIBILITIES FOR GKR CONTRACT:

A. ICELANDIC AIRLINES- ASSUMING SVAY RIENG CAN ACCOMODATE DC-6, ICELANDIC AIRLINES COULD PROBABLY HANDLE OPERATION BY A COMBINATION OF DC-3 AND DC-6.

B. SOUTH EAST ASIA AIR TRANSPORT- CARRIER IS NOW OPERATING IN CAMBODIA UNDER CONTRACT TO AIR CAMBODGE AND HAS ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL DC-4 S. IN EVENT DC-4 COULD LAND AT SVAY RIENG, KOMPONG THOM MIGHT BE HANDLED BY AIRDROPS.

C. THAI AIRLINES- THIS POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE EXPLORED FURTHER AFTER DISCUSSION WITH GKR.

6. WE WILL ADVISE FURTHER ON GKR PHASE OF OPERATION AFTER DISCUSSION WITH GKR.  
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